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SUBJECT: SECOND TURKISH NOTE ON STATUS OF TURK CYPRIOTS
IN SBA'S

REF: ANKARA 7226

1. FONMIN GUNES IN SEPTEMBER 15 STATEMENT EXPRESSED DISMAY
OVER BRITISH RESPONSE TO TURKISH NOTE (REFTEL) REQUESTING
THAT UK GIVE TURK CYPRIOT REFUGEES PERMISSION TO LEAVE SBA'S.
GUNES THEN DISCLOSED TEXT OF A SECOND TURKISH NOTE.

2. AS REPORTED IN PRESS SECOND NOTE FOCUSES ON LEGAL STATUS OF
BRITISH SBA'S: SINCE BASES ARE SOVEREIGN BRITISH TERRITORY AND
NOT PART OF REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS, TURK-CYPRIOTS ON BASES ARE THERE
IN TRUE REFUGEE STATUS AND MUST BE ACCORDED THE RECOGNIZED RIGHT
OF REFUGEES, DERIVING FROM UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS
AND FROM INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE, OF FREEDOM OF DEPARTURE FROM A
PLACE OF REFUGE TO ANY OTHER COUNTRY.

3. BECAUSE PERMISSION TO LEAVE NOT GRANTED, STATUS OF TURK-
CYPRIOTS TRANSFORMED FROM REFUGEE TO PRISONER. NOTE CONCLUDES
IT UNTHINKABLE TURKEY WILL REMAIN INDIFFERENT TO SUCH TREATMENT.

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4. EMBOFF TOLD BY BRITISH EMBOFF THAT UK WILL PROBABLY RESPOND

TO SECOND NOTE AS THEY HAD TO FIRST, E.E. THAT STATUS OF TURK-
CYPRIOTS
SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN CONTEXT OF A GENERAL REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT ON ISLAND.
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